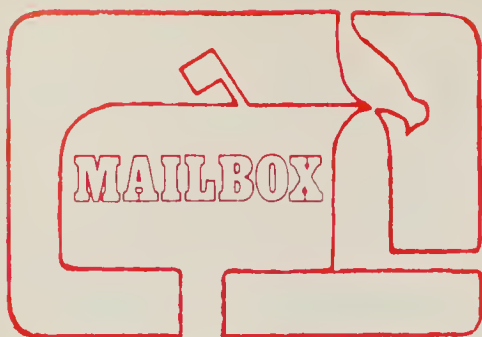


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Cold Water Wash Can Cause Sewer Problems

I recently read an article in your fine publication on energy saving. The article indicated energy could be saved with the use of cold water and a cold water detergent for washing clothes.

I knew a couple in Raleigh several years ago who tried saving energy by that method. They, in turn, had a very large plumbing bill to pay.

Even though they were connected to the Raleigh sewer line, the line had to be completely dug up all the way into the middle of the street because of the residue which had accumulated in the line. The plumbers told them that if they continued to use cold water and cold water detergent, they then should use a regular detergent in hot water at least every fifth wash in order to flush the residue from the line.

Mrs. Wesley M. Drake, Jr.
Garner

Bank "Camouflages" Loans

In your April issue, the "Commentary" by Robert D. Partridge,

"Money's Rising Cost Reflected by Electric Bills," states that President Reagan "wants to cut REA off from using the Treasury Department's Federal Financing Bank for loan guarantees" and then points out "the FFB appeared in 1974, about the same time the loan guarantee program began, so no one really knows what life would be like for such co-ops without the bank."

We must have a short memory.

The FFB complex loan-juggling system, which camouflages billions of dollars in transactions that do not appear in financial accounts submitted to Congress, has contributed significantly to a 162-percent increase in the total amount of federal credit advanced during the '70s.

Mr. Partridge observed, "The U.S. government has little trouble borrowing money." The nearly \$1 trillion national debt is evidence of that, and that is what the Reagan administration is trying to do something about.

During his confirmation hearings, David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, warned Congress that savings enjoyed by the subsidized borrowers from the FFB were coming out of the taxpayers' pockets.

E.L. Van Velzer
Rt. 1, Tryon

The comments in your letter suggest that you may be a victim of misinformation with regard to how rural electrification loans are obtained through the Federal Financing Bank.

The FFB was established in 1974 to

function as a conduit for loans from the private money market to federal agencies in need of funds. The Rural Electrification Administration is only one of the many agencies served by the FFB. The FFB combines the borrowings of several agencies and, as a result, is able to obtain loan funds at lower interest rates. It's difficult to imagine how the FFB could have been responsible for increasing the amount of credit advanced to the federal government, since it would have in no way altered the demand for money generated by the agencies it serves.

In addition, the government charges a fee for administering these FFB loans with income from the fee totaling about \$6 million a year.

In the case of rural electric loans, the transactions are not part of the budget submitted to Congress because the flow into a self-sustaining fund along with payments on outstanding debt.

The fund produces a profit for the government through the fee mentioned above, and in no way taps the taxpayer's pocket.

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A Storm Warning For Tobacco Farmers

Dark clouds are clearly visible on the flue-cured tobacco horizon, if you can believe Carlton Blalock, director of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

In remarks recorded by *The Flue-Cured Tobacco Farmer* magazine, this veteran observer of the agricultural scene left no doubt that he believes major changes *must* be made in that program or stormy weather is ahead for flue-cured leaf farmers.

There's no question that thousands of Tar Heels could be severely buffeted by that kind of weather, given the importance of tobacco to North Carolina's economy.

The state's leaf farmers received gross income of \$1.1 billion from tobacco in 1978, the latest year for which comprehensive figures are available. Extension specialists say that makes tobacco more important to North Carolina than wheat to Kansas, potatoes to Idaho or peanuts to Georgia.

Using 1978 figures for each state, they compared figures for the total value of each crop. The comparison shows that Tar Heel leaf income edged out that of wheat produced in Kansas, the nation's No. 1 wheat state. Idaho farmers received less than one-

fourth as much income from potatoes; and Georgia's income from peanuts would have to be tripled before it would equal tobacco income in North Carolina.

With this kind of stake in a single commodity, Tar Heel leaf growers—and every element of the state's economy—need to pay attention when someone of Blalock's stature says it's time to address the tobacco program's most serious problems.

He said the farmers themselves should be dealing with those problems.

"People in the industry must be willing to sit down together, discuss their problems, and come up with answers based on reasonable compromises," he said.

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"We're in a precarious position in Washington. This is true despite the strong leadership that Sen. (Jesse) Helms and Congressman (Charles) Rose are giving."

But, he said, they need clear signals that the industry is ready to compromise on changes in the program.

Blalock said he believes it's too late for important changes to be made for 1981, but warns that the program's critics may be ready to attack it next year unless they can have assurance that changes are in the mill."

"So, I feel it's important that by this fall the industry come together and decide what we are willing to do, what compromises and changes we are willing to make, and be prepared to let our leaders in Congress take the lead on these for the next Congressional session."

Blalock's "storm warning" offers a simple message: It's time for the various elements of the leaf industry to put aside their differences and address themselves to the problems at hand, in hopes of finding acceptable solutions. Otherwise, those clouds on the horizon may release a downpour of far less attractive solutions.



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Economics Cloak Philosophical Change

This editorial was written by Jim Morriss, general manager of the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives. It originally appeared in that association's magazine Co-op Power.

It has become very clear that much of the proposed change in cooperative financing is philosophical rather than economic. Nobody argues anymore whether electric cooperatives filled a need back in the 1930s, and the record of accomplishment speaks for the job that's been done to electrify rural America.

Related stories on pages 20-21.

But still we're hearing some of the tired old comments: "REA's job is done." "The basic rural electric system is in place, so it's time to 'wean' the co-ops." "The size of the systems is getting too large." "The government ought not to subsidize the electric bills of

rural folks." And on it goes.

It cannot be said that REA's job is done if the reasoning is that 99 percent of rural residents now have electricity. Every electric power supplier has a basic system in place, but they all keep growing. And no system can accept the "too large" allegation. How big should on be? Big enough to do the job, of course.

As for subsidizing the electric bills of rural folks through favorable financing arrangements, I suspect we hit a nerve. What must be realized, however, is that every electric bill in the nation is "subsidized" in one way or another. Those on investor-owned power lines benefit from federal tax concessions to a much greater extent per consumer than the cooperatives' favorable financing rates—about five times greater, according to our arithmetic. And we don't begrudge them a penny

of it either, because we know firsthand what's involved in providing electric power.

No need to replay all we know about other "subsidies" of basic services such as airlines, railroads, and other transportations, and communication.

The point is that rural electrification has no apologies to make for having been given a "leg up" on a tough job no one else could or would tackle. Nor do we need to apologize for believing there is strong justification for continued federal involvement to facilitate adequate essential services in rural areas on a reasonable par with urban areas.

Our objections are based on the conviction that the changes are unnecessary. They are ill-conceived that they are inflationary and will add another rock to rural America's already heavy bucket.

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Five Extension Agents Cited For Leaf Work

Five of the state's agricultural extension agents with tobacco responsibilities have been honored for "Excellence in Tobacco Extension."

The awards, the first of their type ever presented, are to be given annually for four years under the joint sponsorship of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service. Each award is for \$3,000.

The agents' award program is one of nine tobacco research, academic and extension projects being supported at N.C. State by a four-year, \$1 million grant announced by Reynolds early this year.

The agents and their counties are Kenneth R. Bateman, Johnston; T. Wiley DuVall, Madison; William S. Lamm, Lenoir; Clarence E. Stockton, Robeson; Sam J. Young, Yadkin.

Lamm and Young are extension chairmen as well as tobacco agents in their respective counties.

In their tobacco programs the five agents have stressed production of quality tobacco at lowest possible cost in order to boost growers' net returns from the crop.

They have given special emphasis to such practices as care in variety selection, proper fertilization, control of insects and diseases, timely topping and sucker control

measures, proper harvesting and curing, and careful preparation of tobacco for market.

The agents work closely with local newspapers, radio and television stations in disseminating information about tobacco production and marketing to growers and the general public.

Extension Conducts Farm Energy Audits

The N. C. Agricultural Extension Service is now prepared to conduct energy audits on a limited number of tobacco, swine and poultry farms.

Extension personnel will visit a farm and analyze tobacco curing barns, swine and poultry houses, and all heating systems, fans, motors and other services required to operate them. Then, they will tell the farmer how much energy might be saved with various conservation practices.

"We simplify the technical stuff and get down to gallon, kilowatts and dollar savings," said Larry Graham, a biological and agricultural engineer in charge of the audits.

"But we don't forget good management," Graham added. "We would never suggest anything that might jeopardize a barn of tobacco or a flock of broilers."

The audits were made possible by a grant from the Energy Division of the N. C. Department of Commerce.

Graham said calculations from the first 12 tobacco curing barns audited showed ways to save from \$96 to \$370 per barn annually in fuel costs. The payback period for insulation and other materials needed was from two years to four years.

Three EMCs Awarded Loans For Expansion

Three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been awarded Rural Electrification Administration loans for expansion projects:

- Brunswick EMC, Shallotte, was awarded a \$5.2 million loan to help finance a project to serve 4,538 additional consumers, involving 181

miles of distribution line and various system improvements.

- Harkers Island EMC was awarded a \$100,000 loan to help finance a project to serve 100 additional consumers, involving two miles of distribution line and various system improvements.

- Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro, was awarded a \$978,000 loan to help finance a project to serve 740 additional consumers, involving 41 miles of distribution line and various system improvements

All three EMCs will obtain supplemental financing from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, a national lending institution serving rural utilities.

Extension Agent Gets USDA's Highest Honor

Mrs. Jane B. Davidson, Forsyth County home economics extension agent, is one of seven persons to receive a Distinguished Service Award this year from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the highest honor given by the agency.

Wayne T. Swank of the U. S. Forest Service, Franklin, received a Superior Service Award, the department's second highest honor.

The awards were presented in ceremonies in Washington.

Mrs. Davidson was selected for "initiating . . . innovative programs to improve the lives of hearing impaired and other physically handicapped persons."

A native of Sparta, Mrs. Davidson has been on the Forsyth staff of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service since 1966.

Olson Succeeds Tucker In Statistician Post

The associate deputy administrator for statistics and chairman of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Crop Reporting Board has been named statistician in charge of the North Carolina Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Cover Photo: A Symbol Of The Fourth of July

Fireworks, like the exploding rockets on our cover, have become a symbol of the traditional Fourth of July celebration. And they play an important part in the three-day Fourth of July festivities in Wake Forest, a fun-filled town party that has been an annual event in the community since 1973.

The celebration is described in detail in a story by Carol Pelosi, a staff writer for *The Wake Weekly*, on pages 8-10.

State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham announced the appointment of James L. Olson following confirmation by the USDA.

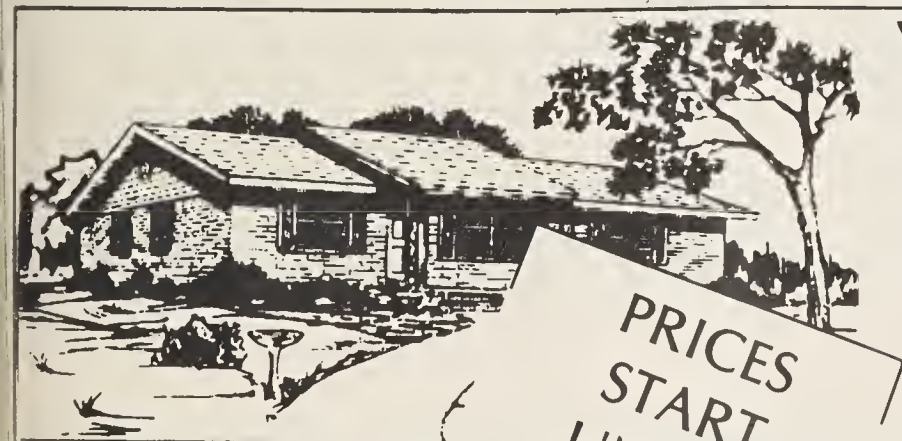
Olson will succeed Dan C. Tucker, who recently retired following six years of service in the federal-state post.

Serving with the USDA in Washington since 1972, Olson also held positions as director of the Survey Division, assistant administrator in charge of the state offices and chief of both the Crops and Prices Labor Branches. In addition, he earlier held several positions in the Washington office prior to becoming statistician in charge of the Idaho state office.

The South Dakota native received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from South Dakota State University.

Home Folks

Charles Heatherly has been named director of the Travel and Tourism Division of the N.C. Department of Commerce. A veteran employee of the department, he had served as acting director since February . . . **Judith R. Lund**, executive director of Hospice of North Carolina, has received the 1981 Award of Excellence from the N.C. Association of Volunteer Administrators . . . Two new district chairmen have been appointed for the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service: **Edwin L. Yancey** has been assigned to the Southwestern District, succeeding **Dr. Dick Smith**, who'll be on a special administrative assignment until his retirement August 31. Also, **Ralph Sasser** has been named permanent chairman in the Southeastern District. He had held the position on a temporary basis since **Dr. W. G. Anderson** retired last Dec. 31 . . . **Fred May**, associate agricultural extension agent in Robeson County, has been promoted to chairman of the Pamlico County extension staff. He succeeds **Reginald Piland**, who resigned to enter private business. . . . **Barbara Deverick**, manager of organizational planning at Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, has been elected president of Keep North Carolina Beautiful Inc. . . . **Federal Judge John D. Larkins Jr.** has been cited by the American Cancer Society's North Carolina Division for his 40 years of service to the organization . . . **Dr. Donald L. Stormer**, State 4-H leader, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the National 4-H Council.



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Wake Forest's Frothy Fourth

It may sound corny, but this community dearly loves her star-spangled celebration of patriotism, neighborliness and friendship. Here, writer Carol Pelosi, a Wake Forest resident for the past 11 years, offers the outsider an insider's perspective on this fun-filled town party.

It may sound corny, but Wake Forest's annual Fourth of July festivities transform this usually tranquil community into a center of star-spangled celebration of our country, our town and ourselves.

It's a fun-filled town party, with everyone invited and almost everyone pitching in.

Anybody can come along to join us, but — sad to say — you won't have as much fun as we do making it all happen.

Here's what we pack into this three-day event: beauty contest, water show and ballet, three-mile Freedom Run, bake sale, cake walk, face-painting, children's parade, hot dogs, free swimming, games for children of all ages, softball tournament, block dance, and the best darned patriotic program and fireworks show in the whole Southeast, at least.

It's been totally a volunteer if-you-think-of-a-good-idea-you're-the-chairman effort from the beginning back in 1973.

That's when Janie Ali and Geri Stenzel, newcomers then and since gone, decided Wake Foresters ought to celebrate the Fourth instead of going to the beach with everyone else. Janie pounded the business district sidewalks, toting her baby and a coffee can for donations, while Geri called everyone in the phone book.

Before long, a whole day of fun was organized: Children, bikes, dogs and horses paraded in front of a shepherding contingent of fire trucks in the morning. In the afternoon, blue, red and yellow ribbons were passed out to the many winners of a track meet for youngsters; and someone finally captured the \$20 bill atop the greased pole. The finishing touches were the hot dogs, free ice cream for the kids and water balloons bursting in your face.

It was such fun, we said, let's do it again next year!

And that year, two traditions were born: As we sat in the darkened high school stadium, I. Beverly Lake Sr., now retired from the North Carolina Supreme Court, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. How can you do that after such a wonderful day, sitting near all those folks you love and treasure in your life, without a lump in your throat?

Then, Bill Shearon turned the lump to ooohs-and-aahs, sending \$400 worth of blue, red, white, green and gold excitement into the night air.

Part of the excitement was completely unplanned: a dud shell fell back and set off 40 rockets at once. Bill was singed but inspired.

"I saw the potential after that first time," he said. The program—planned, built and performed by our friends and neighbors — focuses on an American flag. A color guard brings it in and presents it to one of those neighbors, dressed as the Statue of Liberty. After parading through paths of exploding rockets, Miss Liberty plants the flag in front of the stands, filled with 8,000-plus spectators.

Uncle Sam—another colorfully-garbed neighbor—uses the flag to illustrate his points in a brief civics lesson for some children — and the audience — explaining the significance of the stars and stripes, and the words of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then, the throng recites the Pledge to the spotlighted flag and the 440th Army National Guard Band leads us in, "The Star-Spangled Banner."



Fireworks Show: It's More

When he first began handling the fireworks show for the Wake Forest Fourth of July celebration, Bill Shearon had a dream of turning them into "more than just pop, boom, bang."

He said, "I had the idea that you can turn it into a work of art."

If he hasn't realized that dream, he's come awfully close. Here's a sampling of the displays he and his slightly-lunatic-but-dedicated crew have produced:

- A life-size 28-foot fireworks replica of the space ship Columbia and its capsule, Eagle, that put the first men on the moon. This Columbia and Eagle re-created the take-off from earth by rising 65 feet in the air, negotiating the tricky separation and finally landing to establish the moon base, as taped voices of ground controllers and astronauts told the story of "one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."

- A fireworks ship, under full sail, moving half the length of the football field beneath "the rockets' red glare" in a re-enactment of the battle of Fort Mchenry in the War of 1812. The original battle inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Text by Carol Pelosi, staff writer for The Wake Weekly. Photos by Bob Allen, editor and publisher of The Wake Weekly.



BELOW—Children of all ages turn out for Wake Forest's Children's Parade on the morning of July Fourth. Only real children get the prizes, though. **LEFT**—After the parade, all the children can be transformed into clowns.



Corny it may be, but this crowd loves it. And some out there in those stands don't mind showing it as they brush away patriotic tears.

But wait a minute! What's that reddish glow from the firing pit at the far side of the stadium? What's the crew doing scattering among the ground displays? Setting off the spectacular show that follows, of course.

It all goes so fast and furiously, you can scarcely see it all.

Once it's over, there's more to come, for it's still July 3 — planned that way to give a rain date. Tomorrow will be the busiest day yet.

The best little parade any town can have — costumed children, a few dogs, lots of bikes, maybe a band or the mayor, little beauty queens, tricycles with mothers providing the power, ambulances, even a few clowning adults — make the swing around North Main Street to applause and waves from parents, friends and visitors watching from shady lawns and porches.

By then, it's time to eat a hot dog, or try to pass an orange "no-hands" style from a 10-year-old to the seminary president. Or, it's time to make a fool of yourself with

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Than Pop, Boom, Bang

In addition, there are elaborate whirligigs, waterfalls and rockets with little parachutes inside and a grand finale that's a sort of visual symphony in the sky.

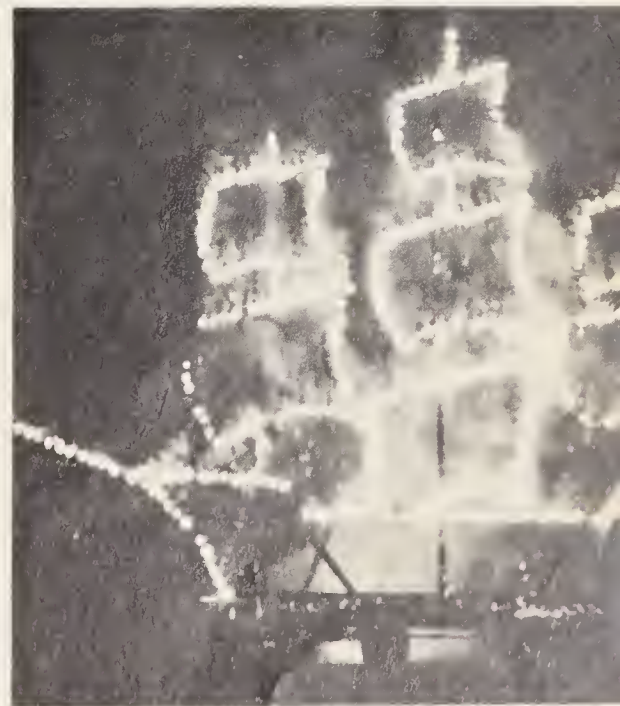
Shearon and crew have built quite a reputation for their fireworks expertise. And they have contracts for two shows in Virginia this year to prove it.

He had only dabbled in fireworks during his Navy duty before taking on his hometown's show, said Shearon, who is a cousin of J.L. Shearon, retired manager of Wake EMC, Wake Forest.

"To some, the program probably sounds like—well, hard-core patriotism. Some people have called it corny," he said.

"Personally, I don't see anything corny about patriotism. Wake Forest is a great place to have a family and raise children. I do this for my kids. I spent nine and a half years in the service and learned you never appreciate America until you leave and come back.

"I don't want my kids to ever take America and its freedom for granted. I want them to know they were paid for dearly."





LEFT—"And They're Off" for the start of the three-mile Freedom Run. BELOW—Cooperation is the key in afternoon games on the Fourth, but are three legs better than four?



Wake Forest's Frothy Fourth

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everyone else in the three-legged race, or try to win a cake walk, or take a swim just to cool off. Finally, it's time to get dressed for the block dance with live music that night.

Come July 5, half the busiest organizers vow never to do it again, but there's already a chairman for next year.

The real workers turn out for meetings even during basketball season, while the rest of the town rehashes the fun and near-disasters.

In 1979, they recalled how the truck strike made it necessary for volunteers David Davis and Bill Joyner to drive the 800-mile round-trip to pick up the fireworks in West Virginia. Another year, they'd talk at length about Jerry Warren's pinpoint parachute landing on the ballfield that ended up a mile off course due to a thunderstorm.

By late June, the sketches, the theme, the speaker, the equipment are all lined up for another celebration.

A mysterious truck pulls into town, and the following night 15 or 20 people assemble in semi-secret rendezvous to begin packing and fusing the fireworks.

George Macon, a first-class lineman at Wake Electric Membership Corporation, readies an EMC bucket truck for its duty. From the truck, Macon spotlights the program each year.

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David J. Batten, manager of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation's Whiteville District for the past eight years, has been appointed to succeed Robert G. Hubbard as general manager.



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Hubbard, who has managed the EMC since 1966, retired July 1.

Batten is chairman of the statewide Rural Electric Action Program (REAP) Committee and chairman of the legislative committee of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

As district manager, Batten ran an office of 25 employees serving 10,000 member-consumers in three counties, plus contract crews for right-of-way work and large construction.

The Columbus County native has a master's degree in business education from N.C. State University and an undergraduate degree in education with minors in economics and engineering.

Prior to his appointment as Whiteville district manager, Batten was an administrative assistant in the Charlotte office.

His earlier work experience included a period as teacher of vocational education at Whiteville High School, and as a regional representative of the Department of Conservation and Development's Division of Commerce and Industry.

He has also taught evening classes at Southeastern Community College.

He is married to the former Kay Collins of Lumberton and they have three children.

Hubbard was employed by the cooperative in 1958 as an administrative assistant. After the retirement of General Manager E. D. (Doc) Bishop in 1966, he was promoted to the chief executive's post.

During his tenure, the EMC has grown from a system serving about 2,000 consumer-members to become one of the state's largest co-ops with

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Hubbard is a native of Jeffersonville, Ind., who was reared in Campbellsville, Ky.

Following military duty in World

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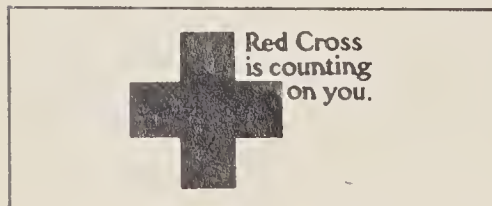
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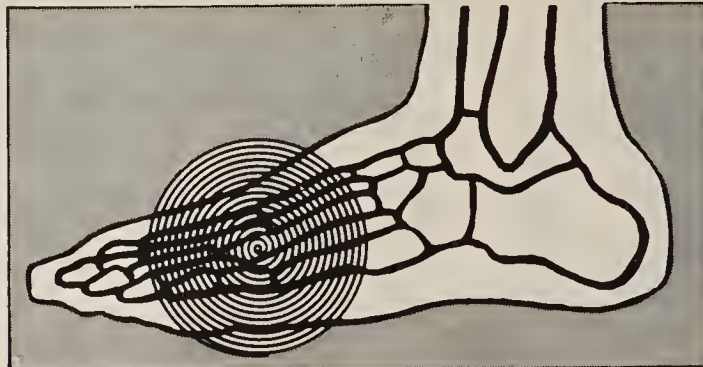
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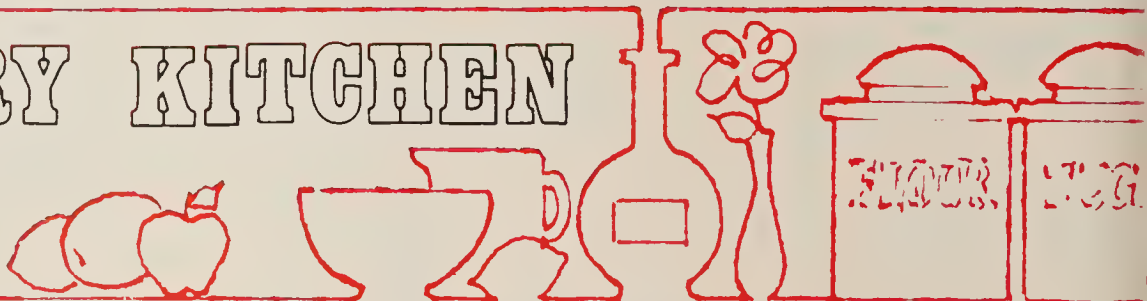
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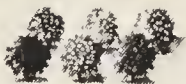
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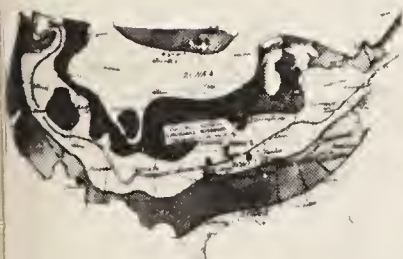
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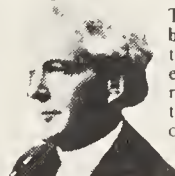
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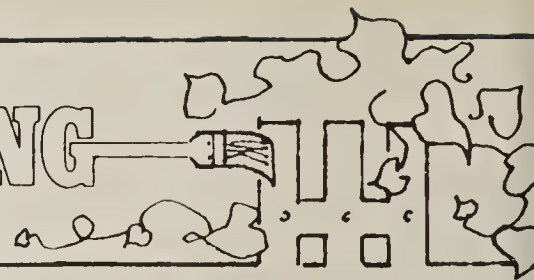
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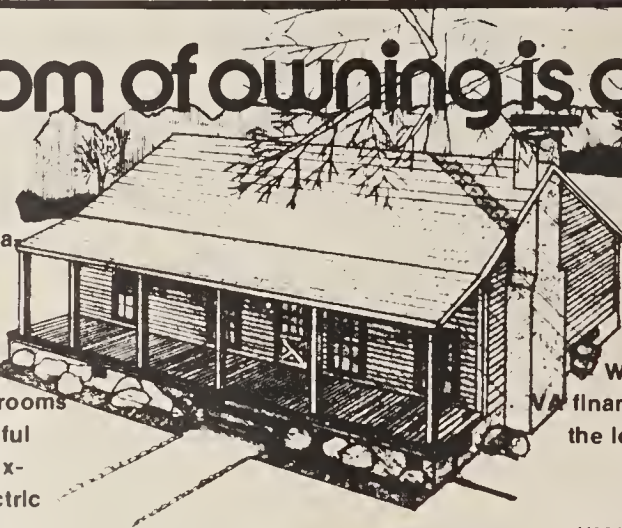
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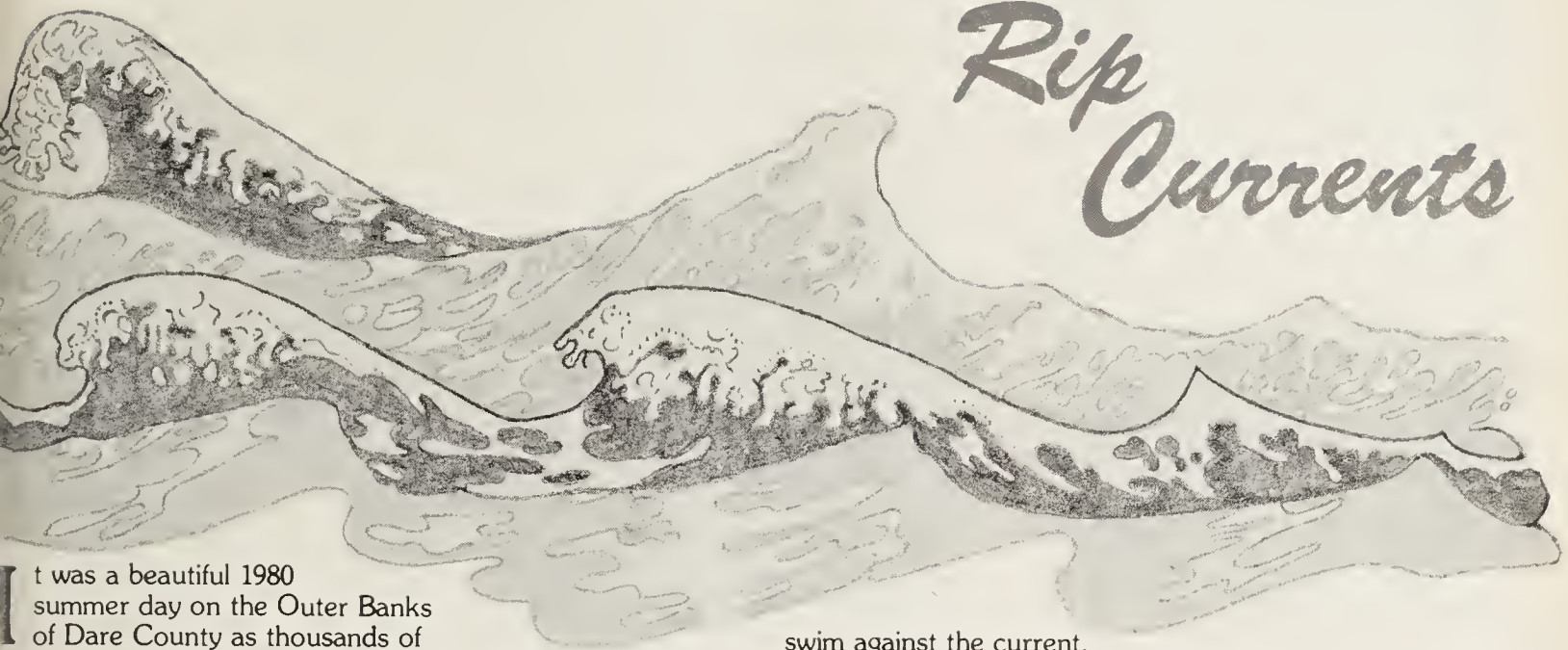
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Rip Currents



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Even strong swimmers were pulled out to sea by the rip currents, often known as ocean undertow. Before the week ended, it had claimed a total of five swimmers.

By September, ocean currents had claimed 13 Dare County vacationers, all within a few hundred feet of the beach.

What are these fierce rip currents?

They are strong currents which are found when ocean water rushes out to sea in a narrow path, rather than moving normally along the shore.

This can happen if longshore currents moving from opposite directions meet when there is a break in an offshore sandbar, or when the longshore current is diverted by a groin or jetty.

Sometimes they extend as far as 3,000 feet offshore and reach up to 90 feet in width. Water in the undertow can travel up to four feet per second, or about 2.7 miles per hour.

Although there may be shoreline areas where rip currents are almost permanent, most last only a few hours, until sea conditions or the shoreline changes.

Swimmers can recognize rip currents and stay out of the water when undertow conditions are present. Watch for these signs:

Changes in water color from surrounding water. It may become murkier from sediments or greener from a greater depth.

Agitated appearance of the ocean, with white caps extending beyond the breaker zone.

A gap in advancing breakers where the rip current is making its way seaward, a foam line, or a floating object that moves steadily seaward.

Experts say swimmers caught in a rip current can get back to shore if they do not panic. They should never try to

swim against the current, but should swim parallel to shore until out of the current.

Since the treacherous currents usually are not more than 30 feet wide, swimmers can often float calmly out of the undertow when they are just beyond the breaker zone and then swim diagonally to shore.

Twenty-year-old Ron Snapp of Hampton, Va., did that last summer and saved himself.

"He was smart enough to know not to fight the current," Nags Head Police Lt. Bill Jones said. "He didn't resist."

Anyone who is not an accomplished swimmer should stay in wading depths and watch for sudden drop-offs, rather than attempting to swim in the ocean.

Pat Crossland of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore urges swimmers to swim only in areas protected by lifeguards.

"The lifeguards are on towers so they can see the currents and other hazards," he said. "They're like air traffic controllers."

As a result of the persistent rip currents in 1980, the North Carolina Marine Resources Center/Roanoke Island and Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service recently sponsored a series of beach safety clinics for town and county officials, law enforcement and medical personnel, lifeguards, and seasonal employees.

Large posters describing rip currents, informing swimmers how to recognize the dangerous currents, and giving information on how to escape the killer currents are available free from Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service, P.O. Box 699, Manteo, N.C. 27954.

Quantities have also been made available for motel and cottage operators who wish to post the information for their vacationing guests. And, the northern Dare beach town of Southern Shores has placed the posters in all rental units in that town.

Nags Head responded to last summer's problems by adopting an ordinance allowing officials to "close the beach" if rip tides threatened swimmers again.

Undertow. It's a word that strikes fear into the minds of swimmers, but swimmers should remember that ignorance, overconfidence, and panic pose the greatest danger when they're caught by this ugly side of the ocean's nature.

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Dean J. E. Legates referred to "Frank's infectious enthusiasm and leadership capacity" in announcing Harris' selection, which was made through a vote of the school faculty.

Harris is a native of Henderson, an Air Force veteran of World War II and a graduate of Mars Hill College. He is a 1951 animal science graduate of NCSU.

He began his career as an assistant agricultural extension agent in Catawba County in 1951, then moved to Sampson County as extension chairman in 1956. In 1961 he accepted a position as vice president of New Bern Oil and Fertilizer Co. He has been

with Southern Railway since 1963.

Dean Legates cited Harris for organizing agricultural tours to acquaint farmers with innovative practices in livestock, crops and horticultural production, and for his work in support of the N.C. Pork Producers Association, N. C. Cattlemen's Association, N. Soybean Association and the Plant Food Association.

Harris served as chairman of the Advisory Council for the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1974 and chairman of the board of the N. Agribusiness Council in 1980. The N. Association of County Agricultural Extension Agents picked him as "Man of the Year" in service to agriculture in 1974, and he was recently named to the National Advisory Council for Research, Extension and Teaching in the Division of Agriculture of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

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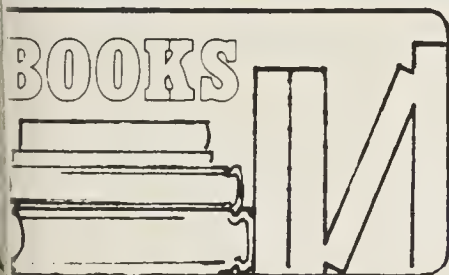
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New Timberlake Painting in Corcoran Gallery Show



"Island Crab" is the title of this painting by Bob Timberlake of Lexington, the latest in a long line of the artist's realist works.

The original of this painting will be among 60 of Timberlake's works to be featured in a special one-man exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Aug. 1-31. The exhibit will include watercolors, tempera and mixed-media works. Meanwhile, limited edition reproductions of "Island Crab" are now being offered by the Heritage Company, 101 W. Third Ave., Lexington, N.C. 27292.



Love Of The Land by Darrell Sifford. Farm Journal Books, publisher. 176 pages. \$11.95

Osborne Oakley of Person County is a tobacco farmer. He wears a billed hat with the legend "I'm Proud To Be a Farmer," and he works hard on his 100-acre farm outside Roxboro.

It is only natural that he should provide the lead story in this new book, since Darrell Sifford—although a columnist in Philadelphia—is a former executive editor of the *Charlotte News*.

When you read the dozen chapters in this book, each involving a different individual and family, you can be persuaded that you're reading about the way people work in rural areas. But you will learn that this volume

has an interesting mixture of psychological and sociological angles. It really tells how they look at the lives they lead: the quiet joys and the problems. You can get a real insight into the kind of people that most "country folks" are.

Geographic variety abounds. We meet a Minnesota corn farmer who was formerly a New York stockbroker whose daughter went to Wellesley. A Californian named Jerry Fry who grows grapes for wine. And people who raise pears, cotton, and potatoes.

Not all are farmers. Marlin Jackson of Arkansas is a banker who cares about farmers. Dr. James Witt of Pennsylvania is a physician who treats ailing farmers—but as a sideline has a farm himself.

This book also offers some

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illustrations of the dire economics many farmers live with. A case in point: the Idaho man who sees a 10-pound bag of potatoes selling in the grocery for \$2.39 when he is sometimes compelled to sell that famous Idaho product for \$1.50 a hundred pounds, and provide his own bag.

Then there is the case of the grape producer who ships his wares from California to Baltimore or Indianapolis, where people pay 99 cents a pound in the grocery store. The grower gets \$3 for a 23-pound box, or 13¢ a pound. One "middleman" expense was \$2,000 to truck one shipment across country.

But this book also reveals the joy of farming, of being your own boss, winning battles with the elements, and just living on a farm—whether it's in snowy Minnesota or sunny Florida.

One of the best things about this highly readable book are the abundant black-and-white photos, which illustrate every article. They're by David Cupp, a *Charlotte Observer* alumnus who is now a free-lancer in Washington, D.C.

This one is well worth reading.

—Frank Jeter, Jr.



Tar Heel Congressmen Support Co-ops' Cause

Wield influence in opposing efforts to pull the plug on REA financing program.

Members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation have made important contributions to the cause of the nation's rural electric cooperatives in their battle to fend off administration proposals for drastic changes in the rural electrification program.

The proposed changes would eliminate the co-ops' access to Federal Financing Bank loans and raise the interest rate on special loans that are used to help the neediest co-ops.

Both proposals would bring higher interest costs on all financing, forcing the non-profit co-ops to charge higher rates to their consumer-members, according to national rural electric leaders.

Soon after the proposals were translated into pending legislation, seven members of the Tar Heel delegation signed a letter to President Reagan asking that he reconsider plans to eliminate co-op access to FFB loans.

They were Rep. Ike Andrews, Rep. L.H. Fountain, Rep. W.G. (Bill) Hefner, Rep. Walter B. Jones, Rep. Stephen Neal, Rep. Charles Rose and Rep. Charles Whitley.

Since then, the Eighth District's Rep. Hefner has been a vocal opponent of the administration proposals in the House Budget Committee and in a caucus of House Democrats serving on the House-Senate conference on the budget resolutions.

Rep. Hefner enlisted the support of several of his colleagues in the House Budget Committee, which rejected the administration's FFB proposal. When a substitute bill was adopted by the full House without addressing the FFB question, he helped the caucus mold a House-Senate conference bill with specific language guaranteeing the Rural Electrification Administration's access to FFB loans.

In other committee action, the Senate Agriculture Committee, chaired by North Carolina's Sen. Jesse Helms, accepted major changes in the administration's "reconciliation" budget package.

The package was revised to allow REA access to FFB loans and amended to grant the REA administrator authority to make loans at less than the standard rate in special hardship cases.

The amended bill was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

Earlier, Tenth District Rep. James T. Broyhill and Sen. John East had written to administration officials asking that they seek other alternatives to the changes they were seeking.

In a letter to President Reagan, Sen. East expressed his concern about the proposal because it "would impose a disproportionate hardship upon rural electric consumers."

He pointed out that 1.5 million North Carolinians have a "vital interest" in the REA loan program,

including consumers of the state Electric and Telephone Membership Corporations.

Sen. East encouraged the president to direct Agriculture Secretary John Block to use his "discretionary authority" to limit REA's loans from FFB.

This step, he said, would reduce the government's credit outlays and "allow the REA to continue its legitimate role of providing needed support to rural electric cooperatives so they might charge electric rates comparable to those of their urban counterparts."

Rep. Broyhill asked the administration to "rethink" its position on FFB, saying the co-ops could remain competitive with investor-owned and municipal utilities without

Counties' Commissioners Endorse Co-ops' Position

The Boards of Commissioners of Watauga and Hoke Counties have adopted resolutions supporting North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations in their efforts to block the administration proposed revision in the rural electric loan program.

The Watauga board's resolution stated that the proposed changes would ultimately increase the cost of power for more than 150,000 people in Northwest North Carolina who are served by Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir.

The resolution called on the North Carolina Congressional delegation to stand by the co-ops as they oppose administration plans for eliminating their access to Federal Financing Bank loans.

The Hoke board's resolution expressed "strong opposition" to the proposed changes, noting that the REA loan program had made it possible for rural consumers to receive power at rates competitive with those of other utilities.

Earlier, the Robeson County board adopted a similar resolution.

cess to the agency's loans.

In a letter to David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, he suggested that the co-ops be allowed to continue using the FFB until "there is some program in place to help with their financing needs of the future."

The proposed cutoff of FFB financing for the co-ops could be accomplished through a White House executive order without prior approval by Congress.

Meanwhile, the three remaining members of the Tar Heel delegation—Rep. Bill Hendon of the Eleventh District, Rep. Eugene Johnston of the Sixth District and Rep. James Martin of the Ninth District—have expressed an appreciation for the co-ops' position and pledged careful study of each of the proposed changes.

Eleventh District Rep. Bill Hendon said he shares the president's desire to reduce the size and cost of government as a means of reducing inflation, adding: "I will review each of the president's proposals and make certain no single segment of our society bears a disproportionate burden of our budget-cutting efforts."

Two directors of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, discuss pending legislation with Tenth District Rep. James T. Broyhill, right, in his Washington office. The directors are P.C. Collins of Rt. 1, Laurel Springs, left, and Thomas Cockerham of Jefferson. They were part of a larger delegation from the co-op who visited Rep. Broyhill during the recent 1981 Legislative Conference of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. About 80 directors and employees from various North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations called on members of the Tar Heel Congressional delegation during the conference.



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Fresco Story Leads To Ashe County Wedding

If you're really alert in reading your *Carolina Country*—even to the fine print in the masthead on Page 2—you may have noticed a change in that corner last month.

It listed one Patty Wheeler as a Contributing Editor. Only the name is new.

Patty Shelley, who joined the magazine staff two years ago after doing community relations work for the North Carolina Symphony, became Mrs. Al Wheeler on May 23.

Al, who was one of Patty's co-workers at the symphony, is now a fund-raising consultant and flew in from his latest assignment in Tulsa, Okla., for the wedding.

They were married at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at Beaver Creek in Ashe County, one of two churches which featured in our April issue on Ben Long's frescos.

In gathering material for the story, Patty visited both St. Mary's and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at Glendale Springs, where Long had done his ambitious "The Last Supper." She also got to know Father J. Fauton Hodge, vicar of St. Mary's, who had cleared the way for Long's work at both churches.

When she began making plans for her wedding, she was inspired to have the ceremony at St. Mary's, with Father Hodge officiating, and offer the guests refreshments in the Mission House at Holy Trinity. A traditional reception would follow the next afternoon, back in Raleigh.

That's exactly how it went—and everything ran along without a hitch, despite the logistical problems involved.

Members of both families participated in the ceremony, and music was provided by Jim Bumgardner of West Jefferson, who had participated in one of the Smithsonian Seminar programs that Patty coordinated last year. She had first learned about the churches from Jim during that week-long trip to Washington.

In addition, the "official" photographer was Calvin Miller of Jefferson, who did the outstanding color photos of the frescos that were reproduced in the magazine.

New Graphics Assistant Joins Magazine Staff

If you do qualify as a masthead-reader, you'll find yet another change in it this month.

Julia Zeigler of Garner takes over as graphics assistant from Patricia Harrison, who resigned to pursue her interest in crafts by opening her own shop in Raleigh.

Julia, a Raleigh native, is a 1975 Millbrook High School graduate whose experience in graphics began while she was still in high school. After stints with several area printing companies, she spent the past three years as artist-illustrator with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service's communications division.

A Coincidental Tie

An item in this space in the April issue, as it turns out, had a coincidental tie to the fresco feature.

It was a sort of public notice to Barbara Neaves Farmer, whose address had been lost after she sent us some slides to consider using on our cover.

She saw the item and wrote to us from her Rt. 2, Lansing, home, noting that it was "ironical to read this notice in the same issue that has photographs taken by two of my advanced photography students, Calvin Miller and Bill Francis."

Gene Autry: Footnote In Tweetsie's History

Did you know that Tweetsie Railroad's Engine #12 was once the property of Gene Autry, the movie cowboy and baseball impresario?

I didn't until I was reading through some material the theme park's staff had sent us about the

train's 100th anniversary celebration this season. Special entertainment features are planned as part of the celebration, along with the "Old Timers' Day" on June 27.

The train's history dates from 1880 when the Tennessee legislature granted permission for the construction of a railroad to the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad Co. At the outset it operated from Johnson City, Tenn., to Cranberry, N.C.

After 50 miles of track were laid through rugged mountain terrain, the narrow-gauge railroad began operations in 1881. In 1916, additional track was built to Boone.

In July, 1950, the ET & WNC Railroad Co. closed up shop, selling Engine #12 to a group of railroad buffs who moved it to a new home in Virginia. When Hurricane Hazel swept through and demolished the train's tracks, the new owners were forced to sell. That's when Autry became a footnote in Tweetsie's history.

The train changed hands again in 1956 when Grover C. Robbins Jr. of Blowing Rock bought it from Autry and returned it to the North Carolina mountains.

The following summer, Tweetsie made its first three-mile run around Roundhouse Mountain.

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